

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain present in this application.

Claim 1 has been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over IWAKI, U.S. Patent 6,567,097, in view of HONG, U.S. Patent 5,943,064. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention provides a video signal conversion method for a computer which is not installed with or has not been loaded with an operating system. Also, a video signal conversion method for a computer that is not installed with or has not been loaded with an operating system is set forth. In both independent claims 1 and 13, one of the steps involves obtaining a power on signal by a basic input/output system.

The IWAKI patent discloses a well-known method for controlling a TV signal. The IWAKI patent does not disclose obtaining a power on signal by the BIOS or driving a display to turn the video signal into a visible image by the BIOS. Independent claim 1 recites both obtaining a power supply on signal by a BIOS and driving a display to turn the video signal into a visible image by the BIOS.

The secondary reference to HONG merely discloses a controller card that allows two types of graphics pixel data for display. HONG does not disclose a video signal conversion method for a computer without an operating system. It is questioned whether one of ordinary skill in the art would attempt to combine the teachings of

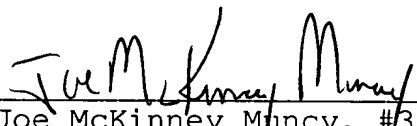
HONG with IWAKI. Nonetheless, the claimed method of both independent claims 1 and 13 would neither be suggested nor rendered obvious. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the 35 USC 103 rejection now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In the event the Examiner does not consider this application to be in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered for the purposes of Appeal. This Amendment should overcome the current grounds of rejection and therefore simplify the issues for Appeal. Nonetheless, it should be unnecessary to proceed to Appeal because the instant application should now be in condition for allowance.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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